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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2572

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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN)

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICAN

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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY  
A.B. NYAKYI AT NOON FRIDAY JULY 18 TO DELIVER COPIES OF SMITH  
LETTERS AND STRESS TANGOV RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEING HELPFUL AT  
THIS POSSIBLY CRITICAL POINT. NYAKYI HAD DEFERRED SCHEDULED  
JULY 17 APPOINTMENT DUE TO CRITICAL ILLNESS OF HIS SON  
WITH WHOM HE HAD SPENT ENTIRE NIGHT AND MORNING AT HOSPITAL  
BEFORE COMING TO MINISTRY FOR PURPOSE RECEIVING AMBASSADOR.  
AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED PRESENTATION BY SOLICITING NYAKYI'S  
VIEWS AS TO WHAT TANGOV MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DO TO HELP IN  
LIGHT OF LETTERS' CONTENTS.

2. NYAKYI READ LETTERS AND SAID AS PARENT HE VERY MOVED AND AS  
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL VERY SYMPATHETIC.

3. AMBASSADOR STATED WE SHARING THIS KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION WITH TANGOV WITH REQUEST FOR HELP TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE NEXT MOVES. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT PRP CAPABLE OF KILLING. PRP HAS SURVIVED FOR SEVEN YEARS IN ZAIRE BY WILLINGNESS TO KILL AND WE MUST BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY THEY MIGHT SEE ADVANTAGE IN BRUTALLY DISPOSING OF STEVEN SMITH, HAVING DEMONSTRATED THEIR "COMPASSION" BY RELEASING THREE GIRLS.

4. NYAKYI EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR RECEIVING THE LETTERS AND US VIEWS. TANGOV SHARES U.S. DEEP CONVERN OVER SMITH'S WELL-BEING. NYAKYI ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN TANGOV WILL BE PROPERLY AND FULLY INFORMED OF SITUATION. REFERRING TO CONTENTS OF LETTERS, NYAKYI OBSERVED WITH HEADSHAKING FRUSTRATION THAT "PRP TALKS LIKE PEOPLE FROM OUTER SPACE. HOW IS ONE TO KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO SUCH PEOPLE?" NYAKYI REPEATED AGAIN "IN CONFIDENCE" THAT TANGOV HAD ALREADY RELEASED "THESE PEOPLE", BEFORE PRP DEMANDS ORIGINALLY LEVIED.

5. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS, NOTING THAT HE HAD MADE CLEAR IN HIS LETTER TO SMITH LAST WEEK AND ELSEWHERE THAT TANGOV COMMITTED NOT TO RELEASE PRISONERS UNDER DURESS. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD SAID PRISONER RELEASE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AFTER STUDENTS' RELEASE. AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED PRP CONTINUING HUNGER FOR PUBLICITY AND NOTED THAT STUDENTS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT PROVIDE THIS WERE SMITH TO BE RELEASED. AMBASSADOR AND NYAKYI AGREED THAT PRP DEMANDS FOR PUBLICITY WERE ENDLESS.

6. NYAKYI CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT, "WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE ROLE OF TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, BUT OUR OFFICIAL POSITION PUBLICLY REMAINS THAT WE DO NOTHING UNDER DURESS."

7. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT USG FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS AND THAT HE AVAILABLE ANY TIME TO RECEIVE TANGOV SUGGESTIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION.

8. COMMENT: WHILE NO NEW GROUND BROKEN WITH NYAKYI IN THIS CONVERSAION, WE BELIEVE HE REMAINS SENSITIVE TO TANGOV'S MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST BUT MAY BE GENUINELY PUZZLED AS TO HOW TO GO ABOUT THIS. WE WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ANYTHING HE  
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